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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: TONER FOR DEVELOPING ELECTROSTATIC LATENT IMAGE, TWO-COMPONENT DEVELOPER, AND IMAGE-FORMING PROCESS

AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 13, lines 21-26, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

In the invention, the shape factor of the toner is calculated by the following measurement method. The shape factor is used as a factor of expressing the shape or form, etc., of the toner, is based on a statistic technique of an image analysis capable if quantitatively analyzing at high precision the area, the length, the form, etc., of the image cached by an optical microscope, etc., and can be measured by an image analyzer (LUZEX 5000TM, manufactured by Nippon Regulator Co., Ltd.).

Page 31, lines 13-17, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

About the toners 1 to 6 obtained as described above, the integral molecular weight distribution of each toner is measured by the same method as the above-described method of

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